

What is Claimed:

1. A document transport control system for controlling the throughput rate of a document transport, the document transport having a preset configured throughput rate, the system comprising:

a smart card for storing data including a throughput rate;

a card reader for reading data stored on said smart card; and

a controller responsive to data read by said card reader for changing the preset throughput rate to the throughput rate stored on said smart card.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein data stored on said smart card includes a count of a quantity of documents to be transported by the document transport at the throughput rate stored on said smart card.

3. The system of claim 1 where in the throughput rate stored on said smart card is greater than the document transport preset throughput rate.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein said controller includes a counter for counting the number of documents transported by the document transport at the throughput rate stored on the smart card and for deducting said counted number of document from the count of the quantity of documents stored on said smart card using said card reader.

5. The system of claim 1 and further including a display for displaying the throughput rate and the remaining count of documents stored on said smart card.

6. The system of claim 1 wherein said data stored on said smart card includes a serial number corresponding to a serial number of the document transport.

7. A document transport control system for a document transport having user selectable transport rates, the document transport having a preselected configured throughput rate, the system comprising:

a plurality of smart cards for storing data, each of said plurality of smart cards storing data representing a different throughput rate;

a card reader for reading data stored on said plurality of smart cards; and

a controller responsive to data read by said card reader for changing the preset throughput rate to the throughput rate stored on one of said plurality of smart cards.

8. The system of claim 7 wherein one of said plurality of smart cards stores a first throughput rate and a second of said plurality of smart cards stores a second throughput rate, said second throughput rate being greater than said first throughput rate and wherein said first throughput rate is greater than the preset throughput rate.

9. The system of claim 7 wherein data stored on each of said plurality of smart cards includes a document count of a quantity of documents to be transported by the document transport at the throughput rate stored on one of said plurality of smart cards.

10. The system of claim 7 wherein said controller includes a counter for counting the number of documents transported by the document transport at the throughput rate stored on one of said plurality of smart cards and for deducting said

counted number of documents from the count of the quantity of documents stored on said one of said plurality of smart cards using said card reader.

11. The system of claim 7 and further including a display for displaying the throughput rate and the remaining count of the quantity of documents stored on one of said plurality of smart cards.

12. The system of claim 7 wherein said data includes a serial number corresponding to a serial number of the document transport.